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Claim(s) discussed: 1.

Identification of prior art discussed: Chiu et al. (US 6,035,121).

Agreement with respect to the claims f) ☐ was reached. g) ☒ was not reached. h) ☐ N/A.

Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments: Applicant points out that the prior art does not teach the limitations of two-way synchronization and concurrently modification in claim 1. Because the prior art only discloses one-way synchronization to generate localized version software and localized version can not be modified. The Examiner will consider Applicant's position and wait for official amendment for further prosecution.

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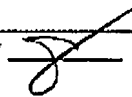
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**METHOD FOR SYNCHRONIZATION OF CONCURRENTLY MODIFIED
INTERDEPENDENT SEMI-DERIVED ARTIFACTS**

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PROPOSED AGENDA FOR TELEPHONE INTERVIEW

We propose a discussion of the underlined phrases in representative claim 1 as shown below with respect to the 102 rejection based on U.S. Patent No. 6,035,121 (Chiu) and a discussion of the comments that follow.

1. A method for synchronizing a first artifact and a second artifact, the first and second artifacts being interdependent and concurrently modified, the first and second artifacts each having a plurality of elements, the method comprising:

generating a temporary artifact having all the elements of a last synchronized version of the first artifact and having all the elements of a latest version of the second artifact transformed as the first artifact;

merging the temporary artifact and a latest version of the first artifact to create a synchronized version of the first artifact; and

generating a synchronized version of the second artifact having all the elements of the latest version of the second artifact and having all the elements of the synchronized version of the first artifact transformed as the second artifact.

COMMENTS:

- (1) The method described in Chiu is one-way, that is, translation is always described in one direction, and therefore there is no interdependency of artifacts disclosed in Chiu.

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- (2) Any artifacts that might be disclosed in Chiu are not concurrently modified. Translation to a local language is performed only after the current version in the main (software development) is completed.
- (3) If you consider the latest version of one of the artifacts in Chiu to be the current software version in the development language, then what can be interpreted to be the latest version of the other artifact?